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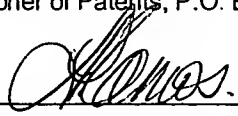P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

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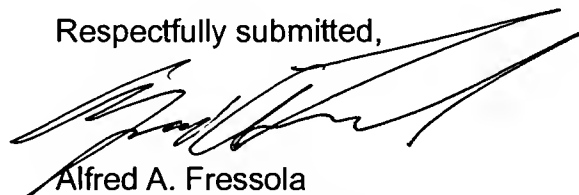Attorney Docket No. 915-006.081

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Enclosed is an International Search Report dated June 16, 2003 issued in International Patent Application No. PCT/IB02/04990 filed November 28, 2002, from which the present application is now requesting entry into the US national phase.

Also enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. Copies of the non-US cited references are also enclosed herewith. Copies of the cited US references are not enclosed pursuant to the USPTO waiver of the requirement to submit copies of U.S. references. The relevance of each reference is specifically explained in either the International Search Report or the application specification, and the abstract of each reference provides a concise explanation thereof.

This IDS is being submitted simultaneously with the present application for entry into the US National Stage; therefore, the undersigned respectfully submits that no fee is due for filing this IDS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account 23-0442 any fee deficiency required to submit this IDS.

Respectfully submitted,

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